

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 9, 14, 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shenoi et al. (US Patent 6,507,606 B2). Claims 1-3,5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shenoi et al. (US Patent 6,507,606 B2) in view of Gambuzza (US Patent 6,226,322 B1). Claims 16-21, 26, 29-30 stand allowed. Claims 2, 4, 8, 10-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 25 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 11, and 25 have been amended. Claims 2, 10, 22-24, 27, 28, and 31 have been canceled without prejudice.

Independent claim 1, as amended, includes the limitations of former claim 2.
Independent claim 9, as amended, includes the limitations of former claim 10.
Independent claim 25 has eliminated the extra wording causing any potential indefiniteness with this claim.

Conclusion

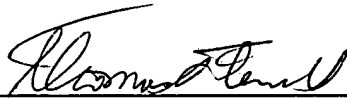
It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the rejections and objections have been overcome. Applicants reserve all rights with respect to the application of the doctrine equivalents. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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